## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: T. Nguyen
MASANORI WAKAI, et al.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 3689
Application No.: 10/023,871	)	
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Filed: December 21, 2001	)	
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For: APPROVAL SYSTEM,	)	
APPARATUS FOR	:	
<b>EXECUTING PROCESS FOR</b>	)	
APPROVAL REQUEST AND	:	
METHOD THEREFOR	)	August 12, 2009

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## AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH RCE

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, a Request for Continued

Examination (RCE) having been filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the Office

Action dated May 12, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows: